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1. SUMMARY. AS A VOTE NEARS ON OSIMO LOCAL GROUPS OPPOSED TO ITS PASSAGE HAVE TAKEN THEIR CASE TO ROME AND TO THE STREETS OF TRIESTE.

2. ON TUESDAY THE SCIENCE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TRIESTE PRESENTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI A STUDY OF THE ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS FORESEEN, SHOULD THE FREE INDUSTRIAL ZONE PROPOSED BY THE OSIMO TREATY BECOME A REALITY. DC SENATOR TOMBESI ARRANGED THE APPOINTMENT AND ACCOMPANIED THE GROUP TO MONTECITORIO WHERE THEY DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF THEIR FINDINGS TO PARLIAMENT. IN ADDITION TO UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS, THE GROUP INCLUDED THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE UNESCO SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS LOCATED IN TRIESTE, HE DIRECTOR OF TRIESTE ASTRO-NOMICAL OBSERVATORY (LOCATED NEAR THE PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ZONE), AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS OF ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS. IN A PARALLEL INITIATIVE SENATORS BETTIZA (PLI) AND CIFFARELLI QUERRIED EEC COMMISSION PRESIDENT
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ORTOLI OF THE LEGALITY OF THE ITALO-YUGOSLAV FREE ZONE AND SENATOR CIFARELLI ASKED WHETHER OR NOT THE "ZONA INTEGRALE" (SEE REFTEL) DESIRED BY LOCAL GROUPS WOULD BE PERMISSABLE AS AN ALTERNATIVE. REPORTS INDICATE THAT ORTOLI CONFIRMED THE LEGALITY OF THE ZONE AS OUTLINED BY THE TREATY, BUT SAID THAT FURTHER STUDY WOULD BE NECESSARY

BEFORE A RESPONSE COULD BE GIVEN TO THE IDEA TO MOVE THE FREE ZONE TO A LOCATION WHOLLY WITHIN ITALY, OR TO MAKE ALL OF TRIESTE A "CITY".

3. ON THE HOME FRONT, A "SILENT VIGIL" WAS HELD IN TRIESTE S MAIN SQUARE LAST NIGHT TO SHOW SOLIDARITY AGAINST THE PASSAGE OF OSIMO AS IT NOW STANDS. ORGANIZED BY THE "COMMITTEE FOR A ZONA FRANCA INTEGRALE" (AND SUPPORTED BY THE RADICALS AND MSI) THE PROTEST DREW A REPORTED CROWD SIX TO EIGHT THOUSAND PERSONS. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE "VIGIL" SOME THREE THOUSAND DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED TO THE LOCAL DC HEADQUARTERS WHERE ROCK THROWING BY A GROUP OF YOUTHS, RIGHTWING EXTREMISTS ACCORDING TO "IL PICCOLO", ENSUED AND SEVERAL DC OFFICE WINDOWS WERE BROKEN. MOVING ON TO RAI TRIESTE OFFICES THE ROCK THROWING CONTINUED UNTIL POLICE FIRED SEVERAL TEAR GAS CANNISTERS AND THE CROWD DISPERSED. A FINAL INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN THE CROWD, HAVING REGROUPED, PASSED THE "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" ADVERTISING OFFICES LEAVING IN ITS WAKE THE BUILDING S DISPLAY WINDOW BROKEN. THE ORGANIZERS OF THE PROTEST DEPLORED THESE INCIDENTS, SENTIMENTS ECHOED BY THE DC, PDUP, AND LOTTA CONTINUA ACCORDING TO "IL PICCOLO". PATTERSON.

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